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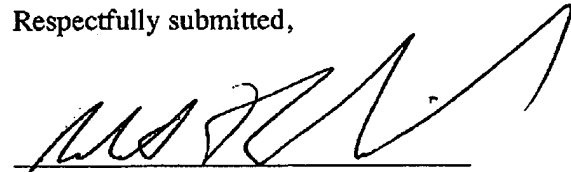
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the time and care taken in examining this application. In making the amendments shown above, care has been taken to ensure that the claims remain supported by the specification and that no new matter has been introduced.

In this amendment, claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11 have been cancelled. Claims 12-32 have been designated as withdrawn. Claims 4-5 and 9-10, found allowable by the examiner if rewritten to overcome the Section 112 rejection and to be independent of any rejected base claims, have been so rewritten. Claims 4, 5, and 9 have been rewritten as independent claims containing all the limitations originally therein and addressing the antecedent basis and indefiniteness issues pointed out by the examiner.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the objections and requirements of the Office Action have been met and the application is in condition for allowance. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this transmittal to Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,



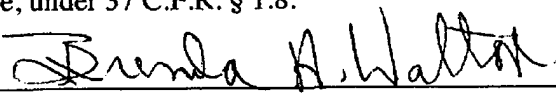
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